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THE FIRST REFORM.

Electoral reform must precede all other attempts to purify politics and to elevate the plane of government.  
With corrupt elections, registering the decree of a machine or sealing the bargain of a boss, there can be no hope of either honest politics or good government.

The Tribune truly says of the proposed measure to provide for the printing and distribution of ballots by the State, and for the limitation of the use of money in elections, that "it will do more to purify campaign methods and prevent bribery than any other agency existing or prospective."  
Let patriotic men of all parties unite in securing the enactment of such a law.

THE SURPLUS MUST GO.

Secretary FAIRCHILD, it is hardly necessary to say, will give no heed to the cowardly counsel of false advisers to moderate or abandon his earnest recommendation that the surplus be stopped by a reduction of taxes.  
It is stated that the Secretary will urge upon Congress the necessity of "immediate action" for the relief of the Treasury and the people.

Bond purchases at a high premium were justifiable only as a last expedient to prevent a financial panic. The only other alternative is to spend the surplus in reckless appropriations.

In urging immediate tax reduction, Secretary FAIRCHILD will be in harmony with the Democratic platform in his own State, and with the sentiment of the people everywhere.

STANFORD'S BRIEF ESSAY.

Senator STANFORD has been invited to contribute an article to the "Books That Have Helped Me" series.  
If the Senator is perfectly frank, his essay, brief but comprehensive, will read substantially as follows:  
"Check-books."

THE FRENCH KALEIDOSCOPE.

The resignation of President GREY as a result of the CAPPALE-WILSON scandal seems to be a foregone conclusion, and Parisian politicians are busy speculating as to his probable successor.

The Government of France changes like a kaleidoscope. No one, and a Frenchman the least of all, can foretell the outcome of the present crisis. Only the cloud of war that hovers over the Rhine is likely to prevent partisan dissensions that might lead to the overthrow of the Republic.

How grand in its adamantine foundations and its magnificent structural stability seems the American Republic in comparison.

WHAT TRUSTS ARE FOR.

Judge TULEY, of Chicago, was greatly astonished to learn from evidence given before him that the Chicago Gas Trust under took to raise \$10,000,000 from bonds upon a plant worth \$7,000,000, and to divide the proceeds among the stockholders.

There is nothing strange about this. What does Judge TULEY suppose trusts are for?

They double up the volume of the stock of combining corporations, divide the inflated securities among the members of the ring, and then by arbitrarily fixing the price of the article they control make the public pay dividends on the fictitious total.

If the people do not throttle the trusts they may rely upon it that the trusts will rob them.

SHERMAN'S SHIBBOLETH.

Frigid John's idea of the Republican battle cry for 1898 is: "War taxes and war memories forever!"  
He would hang on to a 47 cent tariff with one hand and flaunt the bloody shirt in the other.

Well, the Republicans have been steadily whipped on these issues for the past six years. If they really hanker after another and final trouncing on the same line the Democracy will be only too happy to accommodate them.

THE ARREST OF MOST.

Freedom of speech is one thing, and a reckless and rabid incitement to murder and riot is quite another thing.

The American people cherish the former as one of their most precious heritages and safeguards, but the fundamental law of self-protection necessitates the power to suppress the latter.

That ardent little coward, JOHANN MOST,

has persistently crossed the line that separates liberty from license, and he is to be squelched very properly and under ample provision of the law. That he realizes that he has grossly abused the right of free speech is shown by his attempt to deny the report of his murderous mouthings.  
As Chicago has learned at terrible cost, the hissing brood of anarchical serpents is best crushed when young.

A CALL FOR FAIR PLAY.

The Royal Clyde Yacht Club very properly alleges that the conditions of the revised deed of gift for the America Cup are "unjust and unsportsmanlike."

The World pointed out this fact when the new deed was adopted, and it expressed the almost unanimous sentiment of the sportsmen of America.

As victors we can afford to be generous. We cannot afford to be mean. We want no hedge of partiality about that cup.

Off with those "unjust and unsportsmanlike" conditions. The speed of our sloops, and not stringent "regulations," is the best defense of the trophy.

BUYING THE SENATE.

The Republican money in this State largely went, under the direction of BOSS PLATT, to the purchase of Republican Senators in Democratic districts.

Three districts that gave a handsome plurality for Cook, the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, elected the henchmen of PLATT to the Senate over unexceptionable Democratic candidates.

The Republican State ticket was left to take care of itself, while PLATT looked after himself and his Quarantine ring by electing Senators who would keep hold-over officials in place years after their terms have expired.

No wonder a party that submits to such leadership is moribund in this State.

OVER ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS.

The report of the Treasurer of the United States, just made public, shows that the surplus revenue collected from the taxpayers for the fiscal year ending June 30 was \$108,471,097.

This extortion of unnecessary and unjust taxes has now been going on for seven years.

"Therefore the Democracy of New York demand," said the State platform, "that Federal taxation be straightway reduced by a sum not less than \$100,000,000 yearly."

ROCHESTER'S TELEPHONE FIGHT.

The citizens of Rochester have set a good example to the country in their plucky and persistent fight against the extortion of the Bell Telephone monopoly. For the first time that grasping corporation is likely to be forced to terms.

The telephone monopolists are despotism beyond all precedent in a field to which their exclusive title is by no means clearly demonstrated. The voluminous records of the Patent Office contain few patents as extraordinary in the breadth of application as their own. Aside from the charges of fraud in its procurement, it is undoubtedly true that only the power of aggregated capital, employing an army of the most astute lawyers, has served to maintain its claims.

Under these circumstances it would be some of the Bell people to at least deal liberally with the public. Greed is very apt to over-reach itself.

The President praises the "rugged and unyielding integrity" of ex-Commissioner SPARKS, and promises that his policy to "save and protect the public lands for settlers" will continue to be "steadfastly pursued." The name of Mr. SPARKS's successor will be awaited with much interest.

The lecturing of JOHN G. CARLISLE and HENRY WATKINSON as to what constitutes men "true Democrats," by a weathercock journal that never points in the same direction for two months together, must be classed with the humors of the day.

The *Tribune* moralizes upon "Prize Fighting Among the Puritans." The Puritans have faults enough to answer for without saddling upon them the fictitious encounters of CANNY, MCATLIFE and SULLIVAN.

It will occur to common people not accustomed to the rarefied etiquette of the courts that the intrusion of the Czar and his retinue on the sorrow-stricken Emperor at Berlin is a piece of regal impertinence.

During the intervals of his lurid ravings JOHANN MOST has an occasional glimmer of common sense. He told Inspector BRYAN that "it looks as if the community wants to get rid of me."

Senator FRYE, with his eye at the Maine keyhole, can see only one candidate for his party in 1898: "Mr. BLAINE." His horizon is sure to be enlarged before the Convention meets.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK ought to take warning from Judge ANDREWS's ruling that "reckless blasting within the city limits" cannot be indulged in with impunity.

What is this about "BLAINE's chances in New York?" BLAINE hasn't any chances in New York. TOM PLATT and the Democrats have disposed of them.

Senator SHERMAN says "there is too much timidity among the New York Republicans." Frigidity is what ails them since the cold day on Nov. 8th.

All who have heretofore regarded TYRRO as a model of probity will be pained to learn that he has "gone back on" STANLEY.

The latest theatrical rumpus ends in "Cast Adrift," not in "Ruddygore."

Is the ambulance train in readiness for tomorrow's game of football?

As there was no bed at hand, MOST sneaked behind the door this time.

ALL WIDE OPEN ON SUNDAY.

EVEN PHILADELPHIA LEADS NEW YORK IN LIBERAL THOUGHT.

Her Working People Have Free Access to the Academy of Fine Arts, the Pennsylvania Museum and the Pencilman Views on Sunday—What H. C. Whipple and Dalton Dorr May Do Sunday Opening.

UNDAY would seem to find its most congenial home in Philadelphia. Busting New Yorkers are apt to believe that in the city of Penn Sunday is observed for seven days in the week. If it was surprising to see Boston opening her Museum of Art on Sunday it was certainly startling to learn that Philadelphia did the same. To see if rumor were correct about the point a World reporter ran over there to find out how they managed things. It is true. Puritan Boston, chilled by the east winds which blew the Mayflower to Massachusetts Bay, and Quaker Philadelphia, steeped in the sedate calm which William Penn has left to his progeny, open their Museums of Art on Sunday, and New York, the cosmopolitan, does not!

The World has shown how the Sunday opening works in Boston. The same success accompanies it in Philadelphia.

There are three art institutions in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art and the Pencilman Views. They all open on Sunday.

The Academy of the Fine Arts on Cherry and Broad streets, in the shadow of the imposing pile of the public buildings, was built in the Centennial year. Architecturally it has shared the fate of some of the edifices which have been dedicated to art in America and is somewhat suggestive of a too ornate freight station. But since this present building was erected it has been open to the public on Sundays. An admission fee was charged, however. From April 11, 1880, it has been free.

There was no opposition to the Sunday opening. The Academy is a corporation and the Board of Directors are gentlemen of means who are devoted to the interests of art.

The Sunday opening has not had any detrimental effect on donations to the Academy as well shown since it opened on Sundays. The most important of these is that of Mr. Joseph E. Ricketts, who has given Philadelphia and one of the Board of Directors, Mr. Temple gave \$51,000, with provisions for its increase in three years to a fund of \$60,000.

The Academy also contributed \$20,000 to the fund. The city gives nothing to the Academy except exemption from taxation.

Judge Woodward, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has made Mrs. Caroline Bausch a citizen of the United States. She is the first woman in the country to apply for naturalization papers.

Nearly all the cedar wood used in making lead pencils in this country and abroad comes from Cedar Key, Fla., where the mills give employment to hundreds of operatives.

A resident of Plymouth, Ill., has protected his grapes from thieves by running wires through the vines and connecting them with several powerful electric batteries stored in his woodshed.

A well has been discovered in Mobile, Ala., which spouts forth sparkling water heavily charged with carbonic acid gas. When the water is sweetened with syrup it is said to make a delectable beverage not unlike soda water.

While her husband was out hunting the other day Mrs. Sumpter, who lives near Harney, Ore., saw a fine antelope near the house. Picking up a rifle she killed the animal in its tracks and soon had it dressed and in the larder.

Frank Hicks, a negro living near McKinney, Tex., is 117 years old, and his descendants, of whom there are six generations, number nearly 1,000. Proof of his great age is shown by a bill of sale dating back to the early slave days.

Capt. W. D. Fitch, of Williamsburg, R. C., has a pocket-knife which was found in the gizzard of a turkey that was killed on his farm. The knife has a handle of horn which has been softened almost into pulp by the action of the fowl's gastric juice.

The remains of John Oakley were disinterred and reburied near Albuquerque, N. M., recently, and it was discovered that his face and head were covered with a thick growth of hair, although when he was buried ten years ago he was both bald and bearded.

Fewer than 4,000 stars are visible to the naked eye, but when the heavens are viewed through the telescope the number seen becomes countless. Herschel estimated when he surveyed the Milky Way that fully 500,000 stars appeared before him in less than one hour.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hendrickson, of Marion, Ill., was one hundred and one years old last week. A year ago she celebrated her centenary, and her name is a household name in her community. She is an inveterate smoker, having used the weed since she was twenty years of age.

There is considerable gossip in Rochester, Pa., over the fact that Gilbert and Freeman Lloyd and their wives have become converts to the Mormon faith. They are prominent members of the Baptist Church, are well liked in society and the ladies are said to be very pretty and accomplished.

The number of colored soldiers in the war of the rebellion was far greater than is generally supposed. According to Col. George W. Williams, whose "History of the Negro Troops in the War of the Rebellion" has just been published, the number of negro enlistments in the army of the Union was 175,000.

A New Orleans man has reached the conclusion that the fabled El Dorado of the early explorers of America is a lake which occupies the extinct crater of a volcano near Bogota, in Colombia, and states that he has been offered a reward to raise a company to drain the lake and recover the immense mass of gold and gems lying at its bottom.

A G. A. R. man says that in war times, when the usual remedies for illness and fever were lacking, it was a common practice to give the patient a pill made of the web of the black spider, or occasionally a live spider even, the dose being worked down with a draught of whiskey. The remedy is said to have always been efficacious.

The sea serpent has appeared again, this time in Lake Koshkonong, Michigan, where A. L. Sherman, of Port Huron, saw it. It appeared to him to be nearly four feet long and swam with its tail up, it lashed the water into foam and frightened Mr. Sherman exceedingly.

The latest notion.  
[From Fash.]

Visitor—Your new house is very pretty; but you will have trouble to do anything with the garden.  
Country Host—Yes, it is small; but, then, I shall put in folding-beds.

TOLD AT FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

MR. HEADDEN AND MISS POST MARRIED AFTER A MONTH'S DELAY.

A Fair to Be Held at Orange on Dec. 2.—The Ladies of the Diet Kitchen to Have Their Annual Fair Next Monday and Tuesday at 306 Fifth Avenue—Movements of Well-Known Society People.

HE pleasantest social event of yesterday was the marriage of Mr. Alfred L. Headen and Miss Genevieve C. Post, which took place at the country seat of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Post. The cards were sent out and a large number of friends invited to attend the wedding festivities on the evening of Oct. 19, but on the very day set for the wedding the bride was taken seriously ill. So all felt yesterday at the wedding that there was more than the usual occasion for rejoicing.

A fair which promises to be a great success will be held by the ladies of Orange, at the Brick Church, on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 2. Landers' Band will play. Mrs. William De F. Manice, of 4 West Fortieth street, will give a reception from 4 until 7 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 2.

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DR. SERR'S STRANGE CONDUCT.

He Refused Medical Assistance to a Man Dying in Great Agony.

Dose, Gerino, twenty-one years old, took a vomit of poison early this morning, and died after an hour of intense agony. During his dying moments he struggled alone, and in his sufferings he tore his bedclothes and shirt into fragments. He was an inmate of Mrs. Guthrie's large boarding-house, 14 First avenue, and had roomed with August Ochsmor for ten days, the time of his tenancy of the apartment.

Last night Ochsmor went to a singing society rehearsal in Schultz's saloon, in First street, near Second avenue. He returned home at 3 A. M. He discovered Gerino lying crosswise on the bed and in great agony.

"Send for a doctor at once; there is no time to be lost," said Gerino.

Ochsmor returned to Schultz's saloon and on his recommendation Dr. Serr, of 42 Second avenue, was summoned. When Dr. Serr reached the room of the dying man he looked at him and then coolly and rather indifferently asked: "What about my pay? Who is to settle with me?"

As neither of the men had any money Dr. Serr left the place, leaving Gerino to die in agony, without an administering of any relief. Mrs. Guthrie then hastened to the Fifth street police station, from which an ambulance was summoned. Before the ambulance arrived at the house death, more merciful than Dr. Serr, had ended Gerino's sufferings.

Dr. Serr was seen this morning by a World reporter. He was asked if he knew that the man who died last night called for help. "Certainly I did," was the cool response, "but why should I take the responsibility of such a case? If the name of a friend had not been used I would not have made the call."

"Do you think it is the province of a merciful doctor to refuse medical attendance to a dying man?" was asked.

"Why should I interfere?" was the totally indifferent response. "If a man wants to kill himself what can I do about it? I am sure I don't care."

The Guthrie boarding-house is an immense affair between one hundred and fifty and two hundred people lodge and eat there. There have been several suicides within its walls. Gerino was a stranger, was unemployed and had been a recipient of charity from the Fifth Street Boarding House members. His antecedents are not known to his landlady or his fellow boarders, all of whom expressed regret that so young and intelligent a man should have taken his life. He refused aid from a doctor who had been called.

IRVING HALL IN A BAD WAY.

Leaders Seem to Decide Whether to Continue the Party's Existence.